

Amendment No. 1 to HB0572

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AMEND Senate Bill No. 701

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by deleting all of the language following the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 6, Chapter 54, Part 5, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

6-54-5___. A municipality may not forward any unpaid parking ticket to a collection agency for collection without notifying the owner of record indicated by the registration plate and registration information for the vehicle for which the parking ticket was issued. The notice shall be sent by postal mail to the owner at the owner's address indicated by the vehicle's registration information and must indicate that the parking ticket will be turned over to a collection agency unless the owner pays the unpaid ticket or tickets within thirty (30) days after the date the notice is mailed to the owner. The municipality shall also include in the notice a statement that if the ticket is forwarded to a collection agency for collection, the agency may notify the credit bureau or credit reporting agency of this fact, which could affect the owner's credit rating.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-24-105(d), is amended by adding the following language as new subdivision (4):

(4) Nothing in this subsection permits a municipality to employ a collection agency for the collection of any unpaid parking ticket in violation of Section 1 of this act.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 62-20-120, is amended by adding the following language as new subdivision (3):

(3) The collection agency to notify a credit bureau or credit reporting agency that the owner of record of a motor vehicle has failed to pay an overdue

parking ticket or tickets without first notifying the owner that if the ticket or tickets are not timely paid to the collection agency by a date included in the notification, a credit bureau or credit reporting agency may be notified of that fact, which could affect the owner's credit rating.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.